

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After-final Amendment on 10/23/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6-10, 12-13, 15-18, and 20; now renumbered as 1-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/29/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin Mason (Reg. No. 36,597) on 10/29/07.

The claims in the application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for establishing a bound on the execution time of an application due to task interference in an instruction cache shared by a plurality of tasks, comprising:

a computer ~~readable~~ recordable medium having computer ~~readable code means~~ instructions embodied thereon, said ~~computer readable program code means~~ instructions when executed by a computer to perform the steps comprising:

a step to determine a number of live frames of said application that are coexistent during execution of said application; ~~and~~

a step to establish said bound based on said number of live frames, wherein said bound is suitable for use in allocating processing resources, and ~~wherein said computer readable program code means further comprises~~ a step to compare sets that contain live frames of said application with sets accessed by an interrupting task to determine a maximum number of live frames that may be affected by an interrupting task.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 13, wherein ~~said computer readable program code means~~ the instructions further performs ~~comprises~~ a step to determine an effect of an interrupt at each possible interrupt and establish said bound based on a maximum of said effect of an interrupt at each possible interrupt point.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A system having a processor for establishing a bound on an effect of task interference on an application in an instruction cache shared by a plurality of tasks, said system comprising:

means for determining a number of live frames of said application that are coexistent during execution of said application; and

means for establishing said bound based on said number of live frames, wherein said bound is suitable for use in allocating processing resources, and further comprising means for comparing sets that contain live frames of said application with sets accessed by an interrupting task to determine a maximum number of live frames that may be affected by an interrupting task.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Tang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 6:00PM, Every other Friday off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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